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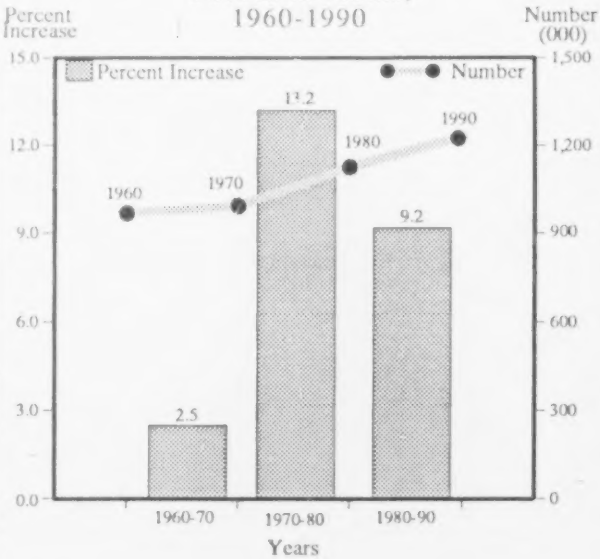
1,227,928 --Resident Population of Maine

The resident population according to the 1990 Census for the State of Maine is 1,227,928. This is a gain of approximately 103,268 persons, or a 9.2 percent increase, over the 1980 Census. Between 1970 and 1980 the state population increased by 130,938 persons, or 13.2 percent.

On December 26, 1990, the reapportionment population for Maine was released as 1,233,223. The difference between the reapportionment population and the resident population released today is 5,295 persons. These are persons overseas in the military and federal civilian workers, including their dependents, who identified Maine as their "home of record" on April 1, 1990. The only use of the reapportionment population was to determine that Maine will continue to have two congressional seats. The resident population of 1,227,928 now replaces the reapportionment population as the 1990 Maine population. The resident population also supercedes all other 1990 projected, estimated, or interim state populations.

During August 1990, the Bureau of the Census provided every municipality with interim population and housing counts, and asked that the housing counts be verified using local assessor records, utility records, etc., to ensure that all housing units were counted in the 1990 Census. This program is called "Local Review." At that time the interim population for the State was 1,218,053. Therefore, 9,875 persons were added to the August interim population as a result of the municipalities' efforts in Local Review and other Census Bureau review activities. *See related features on pages two and six.*

Resident Population by Decade in Maine, 1960-1990



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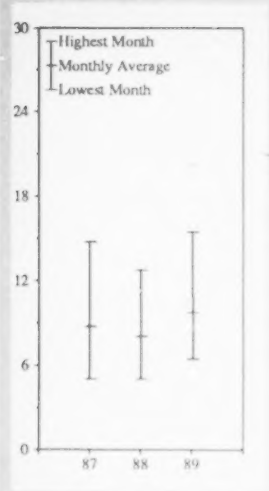
In Thousands



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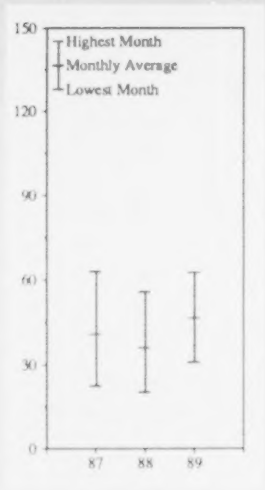
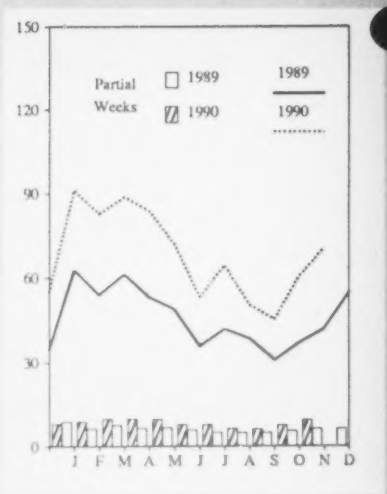




Census Data Products and Tabulation Schedule

After the Census Bureau has delivered the apportionment counts to the President, it is required to prepare data for all states as mandated by Public Law 94-171, The Legislative Redistricting Program. The purpose of this program is to provide state legislatures with small area census data for legislative redistricting.

By April 1, 1991, the Governor and the legislature will receive the following 1990 counts for Maine:

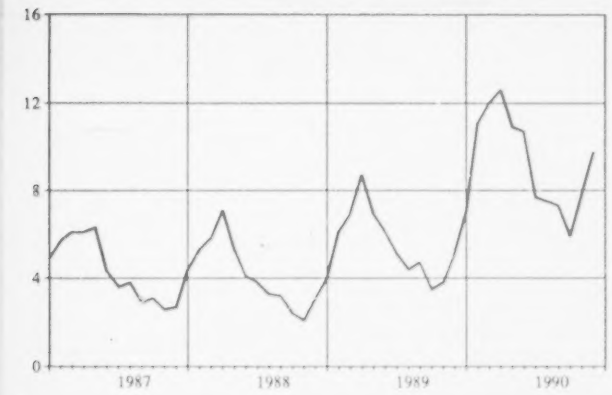
- Total population
- Counts of the population by race for White; Black; Asian and Pacific Islander; American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut; and All Other Races
- Total Hispanic origin
- Cross tabulations of data for persons not of Hispanic origin by race

All of the data above are cross tabulated for all ages and persons 18 years old and over. Additionally, housing unit counts will be included on computer tape and laser disk files. This information will be available for the following geographic areas: state, county, minor civil division, place, census tract/block numbering area, block group, and block.

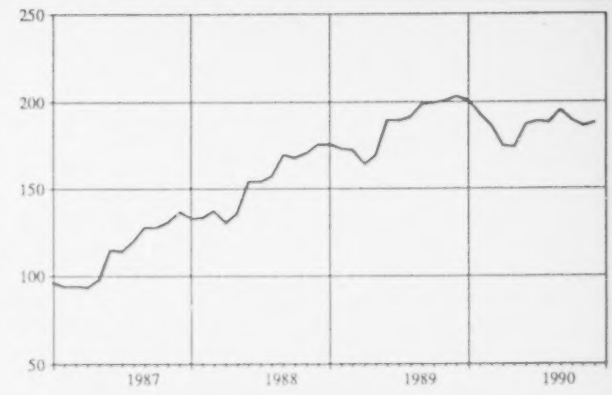
In mid-1991 the Census Bureau will begin to issue products derived from the short form of the census which was received from 100 percent of the population. These products will contain the basic demographic and housing characteristics for blocks, block groups, census tracts, places, minor civil divisions, counties, states, the United States, American Indian areas such as reservations, and statistical areas such as Metropolitan Statistical Areas. In early 1992 the Bureau will begin to issue the sample data products derived from the long form of the Census questionnaire which was received by 1 in 6 households nationwide. These products will include social, economic, and detailed housing information.

Selected Employment Security Activities

U I Benefit Payments
In Millions
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance In Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$433.13	$434.56	$408.40	39.7	40.2	40.0	$10.91	$10.81	$10.21	$8.77	$9.31	$9.89
Durable Goods	411.48	419.12	398.38	40.5	40.3	40.2	10.16	10.40	9.91	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	372.30	373.22	359.60	40.6	40.7	40.0	9.17	9.17	8.99	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	416.36	421.31	408.93	40.7	42.3	43.0	10.23	9.96	9.51	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	474.66	489.60	521.65	40.5	40.8	44.7	11.72	12.00	11.67	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	350.84	355.39	350.43	35.8	36.6	37.6	9.80	9.71	9.32	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	482.16	494.07	450.07	42.0	40.9	39.9	11.48	12.08	11.28	9.40	9.92	10.80
Other Durable Goods	346.66	349.45	333.68	44.5	41.8	41.4	7.79	8.36	8.06	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	451.24	448.32	416.71	38.9	40.1	39.8	11.60	11.18	10.47	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	307.88	295.84	295.92	34.4	34.4	35.0	8.95	8.60	8.22	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	340.75	365.22	338.04	36.6	40.4	40.1	9.31	9.04	8.43	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	282.32	279.37	283.80	38.1	37.6	38.3	7.41	7.43	7.41	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	705.52	708.71	643.25	44.4	46.2	43.2	15.89	15.34	14.89	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	257.13	259.66	263.17	33.7	34.9	36.5	7.63	7.44	7.21	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	392.50	383.18	383.05	38.9	39.1	41.1	10.09	9.80	9.32	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	401.25	400.14	417.59	37.5	38.0	39.1	10.70	10.53	10.68	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	370.18	363.33	351.27	38.4	38.9	38.9	9.64	9.34	9.03	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine
In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	295.7	297.9	291.3
Unemployment	16.7	12.6	8.6
(Percent)	5.6%	4.2%	3.0%
Resident Employed	279.0	285.3	282.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	133.8	133.5	125.9	126.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from Last December	+6.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.3%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

Total Resident Population for New England States and the United States, 1980 and 1990

Area	Population			
	1980	1990	Change	
			Number	Percent
Connecticut	3,107,576	3,287,116	179,540	5.8
Maine	**1,124,660**	**1,227,928**	**103,268**	**9.2**
Massachusetts	5,737,037	6,016,485	279,448	4.9
New Hampshire	920,610	1,109,252	188,642	20.5
Rhode Island	947,154	1,003,464	56,310	5.9
Vermont	511,456	562,758	51,302	10.0
New England	12,348,923	13,207,003	858,510	7.0
United States	226,504,825	248,709,873	22,205,048	9.8

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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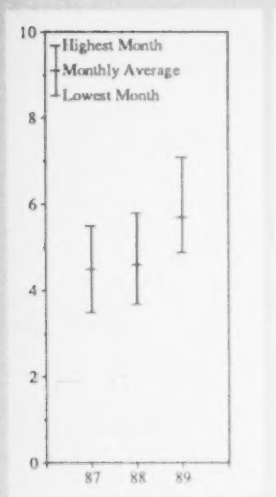
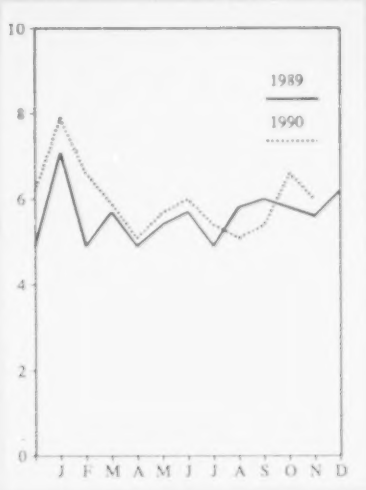
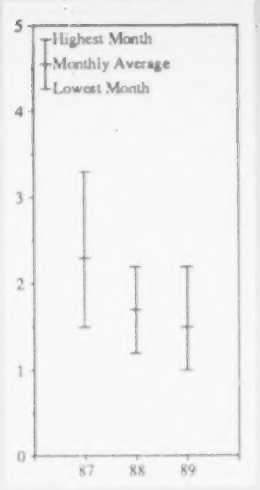
Labor Market Information Services

New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	530.3	537.3	554.3	132.3	134.0	136.9	40.3	41.1	42.9
Goods Producing	128.9	132.7	141.0	23.5	25.5	25.5	10.3	11.0	11.8
Construction and Mining	27.4	28.8	34.0	7.3	8.1	8.6	1.9	2.0	2.2
Building Construction	9.0	9.3	10.9	1.8	1.9	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.2	13.7	17.7	4.7	5.4	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	101.5	103.9	107.0	16.2	17.4	16.9	8.4	9.0	9.6
Durable Goods	47.6	48.6	50.1	7.7	8.9	8.5	2.1	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.6	11.9	12.1	n/a	n/a	n\a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.0	5.2	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.0	8.1	8.6	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.9	15.3	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	5.2	2.9	4.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	53.9	55.3	56.9	8.5	8.5	8.4	6.3	6.8	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	7.0	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.4	5.7	5.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.6	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.8	5.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.7	3.8	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.8	2.2
Leather and Leather Products	10.9	11.4	11.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.3	9.7	9.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.1	1.2	1.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.4
Service Producing	401.4	404.6	413.3	108.8	108.5	111.4	30.0	30.1	31.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	22.7	21.1	5.5	5.4	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.0	24.9	25.8	9.7	10.0	10.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	108.0	108.7	117.1	31.5	30.6	32.5	8.8	8.5	9.5
Food Stores	20.5	20.4	20.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	30.1	32.6	34.9	8.2	8.3	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	25.1	25.3	11.6	11.5	11.7	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.2	10.2	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.4	10.3	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	123.0	126.1	123.3	34.3	35.0	34.6	10.8	11.3	11.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.1	9.9	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.2	13.2	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	44.0	44.0	43.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.9	18.8	19.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	79.4	78.3	81.1	14.2	14.0	14.8	4.1	4.0	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE	627.3	632.7	619.9	585.8	600.7	592.5	41.5	32.1	27.4	6.6	5.1	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,300	47,200	45,700	44,800	45,100	44,300	2,600	2,000	1,400	5.4	4.3	3.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,800	43,200	43,300	38,900	39,900	40,800	3,900	3,300	2,500	9.1	7.7	5.8
Portland MSA	131,700	132,800	132,000	125,800	128,000	128,600	5,900	4,800	3,400	4.5	3.6	2.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	133,300	136,000	n/a	128,100	132,100	n/a	5,200	3,900	n/a	3.9	2.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,840	38,000	36,450	35,960	36,440	35,360	1,890	1,560	1,090	5.0	4.1	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	30,350	29,700	30,580	29,080	28,730	29,680	1,270	980	900	4.2	3.3	2.9
Belfast	13,270	13,050	12,170	11,840	12,060	11,200	1,430	990	970	10.8	7.6	8.0
Biddeford	28,330	28,480	28,840	26,330	26,890	27,120	2,000	1,590	1,720	7.1	5.6	6.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,450	17,330	15,100	15,650	16,980	14,600	800	350	500	4.9	2.0	3.3
Calais-Eastport	15,090	14,850	15,730	13,900	13,840	14,540	1,200	1,010	1,180	7.9	6.8	7.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,250	21,820	20,640	19,370	20,510	19,230	1,880	1,310	1,410	8.9	6.0	6.8
Central Penobscot	3,750	3,700	3,550	3,480	3,490	3,400	270	210	140	7.2	5.8	4.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,250	7,230	6,880	6,740	6,820	6,470	510	410	410	7.1	5.7	5.9
Ellsworth	24,990	26,520	24,560	23,260	25,530	23,330	1,730	990	1,220	6.9	3.7	5.0
Farmington	13,270	13,370	13,160	12,280	12,580	12,640	990	790	520	7.4	5.9	4.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,570	5,820	5,550	5,120	5,440	5,230	450	380	320	8.1	6.6	5.8
Greenville	1,310	1,370	1,400	1,200	1,290	1,300	110	90	100	8.4	6.2	7.1
Houlton	6,640	6,750	6,420	6,300	6,430	6,110	340	320	310	5.1	4.7	4.8
Kittery-York 3/	28,000	28,230	29,340	26,970	27,480	28,690	1,030	760	650	3.7	2.7	2.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,500	5,450	5,310	5,040	5,090	4,970	460	360	350	8.3	6.7	6.5
Livermore Falls	5,030	5,490	4,840	4,540	5,030	4,600	480	460	250	9.6	8.3	5.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,920	4,120	3,770	3,510	3,780	3,470	410	340	300	10.4	8.2	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,120	4,130	4,260	3,810	3,840	3,970	310	280	290	7.5	6.9	6.8
Norway-Paris	11,720	11,750	11,850	10,460	10,800	11,030	1,250	950	820	10.7	8.1	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,490	2,520	2,400	2,290	2,360	2,220	200	160	180	8.0	6.2	7.6
Rockland	19,360	19,210	18,990	17,670	18,290	17,690	1,680	920	1,290	8.7	4.8	6.8
Rumford	8,650	8,730	9,000	7,680	7,940	8,410	960	790	590	11.1	9.0	6.6
Sanford	16,870	16,740	16,320	15,330	15,630	15,330	1,540	1,100	980	9.1	6.6	6.0
Sebago Lakes Region	11,870	12,480	13,080	11,050	11,800	12,400	830	680	680	7.0	5.5	5.2
Skowhegan	23,590	23,580	22,190	21,400	21,830	20,780	2,190	1,740	1,410	9.3	7.4	6.4
Southwest Penobscot	11,920	12,250	10,930	10,520	11,130	10,260	1,400	1,130	670	11.7	9.2	6.1
Waterville	27,110	26,850	25,650	25,490	25,630	24,790	1,620	1,220	860	6.0	4.6	3.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,781.4	1,739.8	n/a	1,696.1	1,675.1	n/a	85.3	64.7	n/a	4.8	3.7
Massachusetts	3,107.8	3,116.0	3,140.1	2,903.1	2,930.0	3,013.0	204.6	186.0	127.1	6.6	6.0	4.0
New Hampshire	n/a	627.9	621.0	n/a	595.7	596.9	n/a	32.2	24.1	n/a	5.1	3.9
Rhode Island	512.8	516.4	531.9	480.1	488.0	508.4	32.7	28.4	23.5	6.4	5.5	4.4
Vermont	305.8	307.5	303.1	287.6	294.1	292.3	18.3	13.4	10.8	6.0	4.4	3.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,981.9	6,955.8	n/a	6,604.6	6,678.2	n/a	377.4	277.6	n/a	5.4	4.0
UNITED STATES	124,821	125,020	124,664	117,611	118,299	118,168	7,211	6,722	6,495	5.8	5.4	5.2

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	14,942	11,529	8,826	2,195	1,962	1,038	1,390	1,226	891

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.